



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Closures of State Route 70 for Work on the Pulga Bridge

REDDING – Closures of the **PULGA BRIDGE**, located in the Feather River Canyon on State Route 70 in Plumas County **have been delayed by one week** due to complications with the installation of ornamental railing. **The closures will now begin the week of October 25** and continues as follows: October 25-30 and November 1-6, 2004. After a two-week break, closures will resume November 29-December 4, December 6-11 and December 13-18, 2004. These evening closures are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. The bridge will be open to normal traffic weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings beginning at 6:00 a.m. until Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. when the closure will resume.

Please note that closures will be in effect BEGINNING at 7:30 p.m. at the junction of SR 70/89 (The Greenville Wye) and at Big Bend Road, just prior to Jarbo Gap. Local traffic will be allowed. Work on all bridges will result in intermittent delays of 10-20 minutes. During non-work hours there will be delays of up to a few minutes due to the traffic signals.

The work on the Pulga Bridge is part of a three-year project to rehabilitate five bridges along SR 70 in the canyon. Bridges are located at Pulga, Rock Creek, Storrie, Tobin and Howells. Work includes replacement of bridge decks, seismic retrofitting and bridge strengthening, foundation strengthening, upgrade of bridge rail, guardrail and concrete barrier.

This schedule is subject to change based on weather, production rates and unforeseen conditions. The two-week gap in closures is required for concrete cure. The timeframe has increased because additional work is being performed and complete closures are due to the narrow width of the bridge and the work being conducted in the middle strip of the deck.

For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 229-0511.

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